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Re Application of:

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For: PLUG-IN MODULE FOR PORTABLE COMPUTING DEVICE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2003 to which a response is due without an extension by June 30, 2003. Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for adding functionality to a portable electronic device, comprising:

a housing sized to be accepted by a housing port of a portable electronic device,  
the housing having an interior portion; and

a hardware interface connector positioned within the interior portion of the housing to be accepted by a hardware interface port of the portable electronic device, the

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